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MEMORANDUM FOR: EIC Staff

2 August 1955

THROUGH : Chief, Materials Division
FROM : Chairman, EIC Metals and Minerals Subcommittee.
REFERENCE : Your Memo 26 July 1955, Survey of EIC Subcommittee Activities.

1. The work of the EIC Subcommittee on Metals and Minerals is considered to have been of little value thus far.

2. It is recommended that the Subcommittee be continued in an active status for the time being.

3. It is intended to call an early meeting of the Subcommittee and solicit the opinions of the membership regarding future activities. It is believed that if sufficient constructive interest can be developed, future meetings concerning principally gaps in intelligence and methods and sources to be used in filling such gaps, may be of some value to the intelligence community.

4. The principal obstacle to successful accomplishment of the Subcommittee's mission is that the CIA membership represents the only group actively engaged in research in depth and publishing reports on the industries and commodities within the scope of the Subcommittee's terms of reference. Consequently, it is the only group with sufficient interest and competence to discuss meaningfully the various aspects of the Subcommittee's mission. It is hoped that renewed efforts on the part of the CIA representatives, and perhaps some changes in the representation and membership of other agencies, will result in the development of greater interest in the research problems in the Subcommittee's area of responsibility.

CHAIRMAN

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